

Mr. Lewis, of M., moved to strike out "viva voce," and insert "ballot."

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the main question was ordered, and the bill passed by the following vote; Mr. Whitmore calling for the yeas and nays:

YEAS—Messrs. Speaker, Anderson, Barclay, Baxter, Benavides, Billingsly, Branch, Bryan, Buckley, Caddell, Craig, Crawford, Crooks, Culberson, Cumby, Dale, Darnell, Davis of B., Davis of H., Dennis, Duncan, Ellett, Flewellen, Francis, Eranklin, Foscue, Hall, Harrison of C., Harrison of V. Z., Hartley, Henderson, Houghton, Hubbard, Hubert, Lewis of M., Lewis of R., Lewter, Lynch, Mabry, Manly, Maverick, Maxey, Morris, McOutcheon, McKnight, Middleton, Mills, Munson, Navarro, Nelson, Parker, Perry, Pirkey, Redwine, Robinson, Ross, Rose, Shannon, Shelton, Short, Smith, Speights, Stewart, Wælder, Walworth, Warfield, Waterhouse, Whitfield, Wortham and Wrede—70.

NAYS—Messrs. Camp, Clark, Edwards, Epperson, Norton, Owens, Redgate, Taylor and Whitmore—9.

On motion, the House adjourned till nine o'clock, A. M., tomorrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Saturday, February 2, 1861. }

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Buckley, chairman of committee on Judiciary, reported, recommending the passage of the bill to prohibit the emancipation of slaves.

Mr. Crooks, chairman of committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed a bill Prescribing Police Regulations in respect to Slaves.

Mr. Davis of B., one of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported correctly enrolled, and properly signed, the following bills:

Bill to reorganize the Eighteenth Judicial District, and regulate the time of holding courts therein.

A bill for the relief of the Houston, Tap and Brazoria Railroad Company.

A bill supplemental to an act to Incorporate the San Antonio and Mexican Gulf Railroad Company, and supplemental to, and

amendatory of, the several acts supplemental to and amendatory to the above recited act.

A bill to amend an act to Incorporate the Air Line Railroad Company, approved January 30, 1860.

A bill to amend an act entitled, an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Columbus, San Antonio and Rio Grande Railroad Company, passed February 8, 1860; and

A joint resolution, relating to coercion, and that the same had been presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

[Mr. Foscue in the chair.]

Mr. Taylor, of Cass, introduced a bill to provide for running the county line between the counties of Marion, Cass and Titus. Read first and second times.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, of Cass, rule suspended, bill read, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, rule further suspended, bill read third time, and passed.

Mr. Darnell introduced a bill to Incorporate Dallas Institute, which

The Speaker declared to be local in its tendency, therefore, under a resolution adopted, could not be entertained.

Mr. Darnell appealed from the decision of the chair, and

The House sustained the chair.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate had passed the House bill to reorganize the Sixteenth Judicial District, and to define the time of holding courts therein.

Also, had passed the joint resolution with regard to the contract for Roofing the Capitol.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The bill to amend the twelfth section of an act entitled an act concerning proceedings in the District Court, approved March 16, 1848, with substitute pending before the House, was taken up.

Mr. Cuberson withdrew his substitute.

[Speaker resumed the chair.]

Mr. Davis of H. proposed to amend, as follows:

"Provided, this law shall not apply to any contract, or debts, already made or entered into, up to the first of January, 1861."

A committee from the State Convention were announced, and appeared, and tendered the thanks of the Convention to the House for courtesies extended to them in use of hall, etc., etc.

[Mr. Dennis in the chair.]

Mr. Mabry moved the previous question, which, being seconded, the question then being, shall the main question be now put? the House ordered the main question, by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Barclay, Billingsly, Bryan, Buckley, Caddell, Camp, Craig, Crawford, Crooks, Clark, Culberson, Cumby, Dale, Dennis, Dickson, Dougherty, Duncan, Flewellen, Francis, Foscue, Hancock, Harrison of C., Hartley, Hubbard, Hubert, Lewis of M., Lewis of R., Lewter, Lynch, Maverick, Maxey, Morris, McCutcheon, Middleton, Munson, Nelson, Perry, Pirkey, Redwine, Robinson, Smith, Speights, Stewart, Walworth, Waterhouse, Whitfield, Wortham and Wrede—50.

NAYS—Messrs. Baxter, Benevides, Branch, Darnell, Davis of B., Davis of H., Epperson, Franklin, Hall, Harrison of V. Z., Haynes, Henderson, Henry, Mabry, McKnight, Navarro, Norton, Owens, Ross, Shannon, Shelton, Short, Warfield and Whitmore—27.

The main question, being on the final passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were ordered by Mr. Baxter, and the bill passed, by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Barclay, Benevides, Billingsly, Buckley, Caddell, Camp, Craig, Crawford, Crooks, Clark, Cumby, Dennis, Dickson, Dougherty, Duncan, Epperson, Flewellen, Franklin, Foscue, Hancock, Harrison of C., Henderson, Lewis of M., Lewis of R., Lynch, Mabry, Maverick, Middleton, Munson, Navarro, Nelson, Pirkey, Redwine, Robinson, Smith, Speights, Stewart, Walworth, Warfield, Waterhouse and Whitmore—42.

NAYS—Messrs. Baxter, Branch, Bryan, Culberson, Dale, Darnell, Davis of B., Davis of H., Ellett, Francis, Hall, Harrison of V. Z., Hartley, Haynes, Henry, Houghton, Hubbard, Hubert, Lewter, Manly, Maxey, Morris, Mundine, Norton, Owens, Parker, Perry, Ross, Shannon, Shelton, Taylor, Whitfield and Wortham—33.

The report from the Judiciary committee, reporting a substitute for the bill to amend the act to organize the Justice's Courts and to define the powers and jurisdiction of the same, approved March 20, 1848, was taken up, and substitute adopted.

Mr. Wælder proposed to amend, as follows:

"Provided, that nothing contained in this section shall be so construed as to interfere with an act regulating Justice's courts in the city of San Antonio, approved February 14, 1854."

Mr. Dougherty proposed to amend as follows:

"Also, with the laws regulating Justice's courts in the Twelfth Judicial District." Accepted, and the amendment adopted.

Mr. Henderson moved to strike out "nine months," and insert "six months." Lost, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Mabry, the rule was suspended, bill read third time, and passed by the following vote; Mr. Henderson calling for the yeas and nays:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Barclay, Baxter, Benevides, Billingsly, Buckley, Caddell, Camp, Craig, Crawford, Crooks, Clark, Culberson, Cumby, Dale, Darnell, Dennis, Dickson, Dougherty, Duncan, Flewellen, Francis, Harrison of C., Harrison of V. Z., Houghton, Hubbard, Lewis of M., Lewis of R., Lewter, Lynch, Mabry, Maverick, Morris, Middleton, Munson, Navarro, Nelson, Norton, Perry, Pirkey, Redwine, Shannon, Shelton, Smith, Stewart, Wælder, Walworth, Warfield, Waterhouse, Whitfield, Whitmore and Wrede—53.

NAYS—Messrs. Branch, Bryan, Davis of B., Davis of H., Epperson, Franklin, Hall, Hartley, Haynes, Henderson, Henry, Manley, Parker, Redgate, Ross, Short, Taylor and Wortham—16.

A bill to postpone forced sales was taken up.

Mr. Henderson proposed to amend, as follows:

"And further provided, all such judgments shall bear twelve per cent. interest.

Mr. Culberson offered a substitute for bill and amendment.

On motion of Mr. Mabry, the bill, substitute and amendment was re-referred to the Judiciary committee.

The following message from the Governor was taken from the Speaker's stand, and read:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
Austin, Texas, February 2, 1861. }

TO HON. M. D. K. TAYLOR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: Enclosed I have the honor to submit the report of the Superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum for the consideration of your honorable body, and commend it to your attention.

SAM. HOUSTON.

On motion of Mr. Mills, referred to committee on Public Buildings.

On motion, the House adjourned till Monday, ten o'clock, A. M.